(f) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has ignored these packs while working out the liability into the DPEA;

(g) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(h) when did his Ministry fix the prices of Oxytetracycline formulations, based on 55 per cent mark up of all the packs and when were these prices communicated to M/s. Pfizer and other companies; and

(i) when were these prices implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) to (i) Detailed information shall be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha after the Price Review Committee and the Special Team have completed all their work.

Overcharging on Dexamethasone

2450. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what were the prices of Dexamethasone and Dexamathasone 21-Phosphate before the 14th December, 1988 and since when those were in force;

(b) whether it is a fact that Merind is marketing formulations based on these two drugs;

(c) if so, what prices of these two drugs were allowed in their formulations from the 30th March, 1989, onwards;

(d) whether it is a fact that overcharged amount has been worked out on these two drugs, if so, at what rate;

(e) whether the amount due has been assessed from this company and on what quantity of bulk drug and for what period;

(f) whether it is a fact that the amount due for certain periods is yet to be assessed; and

(g) if so, what is the period so left and by when the amount will be assessed for that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPTT. OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) The prices of Dexamethasone pure and Dexamethasone 21-Phosphate before 14th December, 1988 were Rs. 51.30 and Rs. 55.10 per gram effective from 3-7-1981.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The formulation prices fixed after 30th March, 1989 are based on *the notified prices of bulk drugs on* 14-12-1988.

(d) to (g) The amount recoverable from the company on account of the decision of the Supreme Court is yet to be determined.

Price Control on Cyproheptadine & Diphenoxylate

2451. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cyproheptadine and Diphenoxylate have turnover of less than Rupees Fifty lakhs per annum.

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not removing these drugs from Category II of price control;

(c) what is the justification for keeping these drugs under price control and removing Glybenclamide